

PURCHASE OF LANDS IS RECOMMENDED

National Forest Reservation Commission Approves Virginia and North Carolina Additions.

At a meeting yesterday at the office of the Secretary of War, the National Forest Reservation Commission had under consideration the advisability of purchasing lands in Virginia and West Virginia on the headwaters of the Potomac River, in North Carolina, and in the headwaters of the New Hampshire. These areas are areas in which a large number of tracts have been examined and appreciated by the Forest Service.

Specific recommendations were made by the service for the purchase of the tracts in Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina, but no final action was taken.

With reference to the White Mountains final action by the commission cannot be taken until a report is received from the Geological Survey. The director of the survey reported that the field studies are progressing rapidly, and that he hopes to make a report within the next six weeks.

The commissioners also discussed some of the obstacles which are being met in acquiring lands. The areas are concerned in the way of important titles, uncertain boundaries, and alienated mineral and timber rights have made it necessary to proceed with great care. Notwithstanding the obstacles which have been encountered and the slow painstaking work which is necessary in order to fully protect the government's interests, considerable progress is being made.

LARGE FUND COLLECTED.

Seventh Day Adventists Support Many Foreign Missionaries.

W. T. Knox, treasurer of the General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, which has its headquarters at Tacoma Park, has announced that \$50,000 has been collected during the first quarter of this year on the "15-cent-a-week" fund from the various conferences in the United States and Canada for the support of foreign missionaries.

Seventh-Day Adventists are now supporting nearly 4,000 Gospel workers in forty-nine countries. Several homes for missionaries have recently been built.

ANACOSTIA.

The Washington Herald's boys' and girls' contest has created widespread interest in this section, and a large number have announced their candidacy.

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of Emmanuel Episcopal Church a "rubber race" was given last evening in that parish hall in V Street. Musical selections were contributed and refreshments served.

RANDLE HIGHLANDS.

A special committee of the Randle Highlands Citizens' Association is planning for a public meeting to be held in the near future in the Baptist Church in Twenty-third Street, Senator Works of California, will probably be the principal speaker, and other officials have been invited to attend. C. A. Barker is in charge of the program. There will also be a musical entertainment under direction of Dr. E. T. Woodward. The ladies will serve refreshments.

The school building at Thirtieth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue is practically completed, and plans for its formal opening will be considered at the meeting of the Citizens' Association. The structure was erected at a cost of about \$60,000, and a feature of the construction is the provision for the holding of open-air sessions on the roof. It is doubtful whether this building will be used before the September school term, although its dedication may take place prior to that time.

The Suburban Transportation Company, which intends operating vehicles between Randle Highlands and Bradbury Heights, expects to place part of its equipment in operation next week. This line will connect with the cars of the East Washington Heights Railway Company, which now operates a short line across the Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge.

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